Homoeopathy are trained only in the respective system of medicine, their line of treatment is entirely different from the allopathic system of medicine and therefore, the ISM&H doctors under CGHS are not allowed to refer CGHS beneficiaries for taking treatment in private Alopathic hospitals recognised under CGHS.

Hepatitis Eradication Campaign

†1261. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the date of inauguration of Hepatitis eradication campaign by Prime Minister;

(b) the names of places selected for Hepatitis B vaccination during the current financial year and the basis of such selection;

(c) the number of cities, out of total number of selected cities, where State Governments/various Institutions have already started Hepatitis B vaccination campaign; and

(d) the total estimated number of Hepatitis B patients in the country alognwith the names of the places where such patients are more?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) to (d) The project for introduction of Hepatitis B vaccine was lauched by the Prime Minister on June 10, 2002. The project will be implemented in slums of 15 cities in 2002-03. The names of the selected cities are given in the Statement. (*See* below) Big cities where a relatively high proportion of population lives in slums have been selected since populations living in slums are at a higher risk of acquring infections diseases. As per information available Government of NCT of Delhi has included Hepatitis B vaccine for its immunization schedule for infants. Initiatives have been undertaken by the private sector to vaccinate children with support of medical practitioners and NGOs by organizing Hepatitis B campaigns in various cities. As per the Indian Council of Medical Research there are an estimated 43 million Hepatitis B carriers in India. The entire country is rated to come under the intermediate zone of hepatitis B virus prevalence ranging between 2—7 percent.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

List of cities where project for Hepatitis B vaccine will be Implemented in 2002-2003

S.No.	Name
1.	Greater Mumbai
2.	Kolkata
3.	Chennai
4.	Delhi
5.	Hyderabad
6.	Bangalore
7.	Ahmedabad
8.	Kanpur
9.	Pune
10.	Lucknow
11.	Vadodara
12.	Jaipur
13.	Indore
14.	Patna
15.	Bhopal

Measures to tackle diarrhoea during peak period

1262. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the measures Government propose to tackle the problem of diarrhoea during the peak period from May-August, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): The Government of India is implementing the National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases (NSPCD) since 1997-98 in selected districts in the country. The objectives of the programme are generating early warning signals of outbreaks due to epidemic-prone communicable diseases including diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases and rapid response thereto,